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1. [redacted] Carl Duckett, DDS&T, called to say that his office had received an inquiry from a Mr. Wincup, House Armed Services Committee staff, asking that Duckett brief the Arms Control and Disarmament Subcommittee on matters pertaining to SALT at 10:00 a.m. on 9 May 1974. Duckett said he wanted to advise me of this request and I said I would look into it further.

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2. [redacted] Called John Ritch, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to determine the status of the Muskie amendment to the State Authorization bill declaring the absolute authority of the ambassador with respect to the direction, coordination and supervision over all U.S. civilian Government employees in the foreign country under his control. Ritch advised me the amendment had been approved by the Committee yesterday with the insertion of the words "under the President". He said the Committee report is being prepared now and will be filed in a couple of days. I asked if the State Department had contacted them with regard to this amendment and he responded that State's views were neither requested nor given.

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3. [redacted] Called [redacted] NSA, and relayed to him the thrust of my conversation with John Ritch, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, on the status of the amendment to the State Authorization bill. [redacted] said his office had come up with a suggestion to add the words "or personnel expressly exempted by the President" following language in the amendment exempting military personnel under the command of the U.S. military commander. I told [redacted] I thought their suggestion was worth consideration and perhaps we could take joint action with the House Foreign Affairs Committee to have it inserted in the bill there if necessary.

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